

WILDLIFE HABITAT MANAGEMENT ENHANCEMENT CONSERVATION SECURITY PROGRAM



WINTER COVER FOR WILDLIFE

WHAT:

A winter cover is established each fall to provide food for wildlife. Crop fields required to have a winter cover established for a positive "Soil Condition Index" are NOT eligible for this enhancement. Approved winter cover plant materials are: Annual winter wheat (non-certified and feed seed is acceptable), Forage oats (winter hardy), or Cereal rye. Crop fields in a sod based rotation are NOT eligible for this enhancement, and grazing of this winter cover by livestock is NOT permitted.

WHEN:

An approved winter cover is planted immediately after harvest of the crop and within its recommended planting date. This practice is performed every fall beginning the year the enhancement is selected and scheduled in the contract. No disking, chemical burn-down, mowing or other disturbance of the winter cover is allowed after establishment until three weeks prior to the approved spring planting date of the next scheduled crop.

WHERE:

Eligible crop fields for this enhancement are those fields that do not require a winter cover to maintain a positive soil conditioning index and control erosion above tolerance.

HOW:

Winter cover is no-till drilled or aurally seeded into the harvested crop's residue. Lime and fertilizer is applied in accordance with a soil test at the rates necessary to establish an adequate stand. An adequate stand is at least 50 percent ground cover evenly distributed. A soil test for this enhancement will be considered valid for three years.

HOW MUCH:

Seeding rates will be 1-2 bushels per acre.

CSP Enhancement payment will be \$30.00 per acre per year.